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it meets, it will shake her to her centre, & that it  
does not kill of the opposition, will be driven  
into its holes.

Weld did nobly at Utica. Lectured 16 times. Between  
600 & 700 had already joined the Society of new members,  
before we left, a majority of whom are men. No  
special effort was made to obtain names. Alvan  
Hennant thinks they will get two or three hundred  
more immediately. About 1200 signed the petition  
to Congress while Weld was there; a majority of them  
men, & constituting a majority of the legal  
voters of the city. So much for the Utica mob.  
I am satisfied that we greatly miss it by skimming  
the surface with two or three lectures. We ought to  
have 4, & settle the matter.

Your wife & mother  
give them my kindest  
regards as well as little  
Freddy.

Yours truly  
H. B. Stanton

time. By spending a month in recruiting, sharpening my  
armour & replenishing my stock of ammunition, I  
shall be able to accomplish vastly more in the  
succeeding 6 months than though I had  
continued to labor in the old harness without  
cessation.

Let's Connecticut, - State Society &c. The Committee  
were convinced that we should be unable to organize  
the State Society before the Anniversaries. That was my  
opinion too. We could not have had brother  
Gordell. He is going to ~~come~~ edit the  
Abolition paper at Utica. I do not think  
it best to be in a hurry in organizing that State.  
Let us lecture there long enough to give them an  
efficient organization - one that will immediately  
set about converting the State. - that will not be  
dependent upon the Parent Society for pecuniary  
means to employ 3 or 4 good agents (for old Connecticut  
ought to have as many for ten years) but rather  
would give to that Society two or three thousand  
dollars. Let us strive to put Connecticut on  
high ground before we call her convention, so that when

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Henry B. Stanton

Dear brother Phelps, You will see by the date that I am in  
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Rochester. I arrived here last night, in company  
with brother Held from Utica. I expect to remain  
here about 10 days or two weeks & then repair  
to Connecticut & commence labor under your direction.

The Committee in New York, at my suggestion, directed  
me to visit Mr. Held at Utica, & go over some parts of  
this subject with him, - especially the Bible department.

When I arrived at Utica, I found he had just  
completed his course, & was about to leave for this  
place. I could not detain him there without  
prejudicing obstructing his arrangements, & so I came  
on with him. When he will commence a course  
of lectures <sup>are two</sup> ~~here~~ is a little uncertain, as these ~~are~~ <sup>two</sup> protracted  
meetings soon in progress ~~here~~. It is possible he  
may go to Buffalo or Auburn first, labor there,  
& then return here. I shall not expect to hear his  
course, but merely look over his facts, glance at his  
general mode of treating the subject in its several departments,  
investigate the Bible ground pretty thoroughly, in private.  
You may be assured this will not be lost